REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment claims 1, 7, 19, 24, 29 and 33 are amended in the manner described below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4, 7-8, 11, 13, 15, 19-26, 28-35 and 37-40 as being unpatentable over Wagner (United States Patent Publication 2003/0233296) in view of Anand et al. (United States Patent No. 5,710,900), claims 3, 27 and 36 as being unpatentable over Wagner and Anand in view of Barritz et al. (United States Patent 6,938,027), claims 5 and 12 as being unpatentable over Wagner and Anand in view of Van Renesse (United States Patent No. 6,529,953), claim 6 over Wagner and Anand in view of Davis (United States Patent No. 6,920,608), claims 9 and 10 over Wagner and Anand in view of Sweet et al. (United States Patent No. 6,789,080), claim 14 over Wagner and Anand in view of Morita et al. (United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0076995), and claims 16-18 over Wagner and Anand in view of Burt (United States Patent No. 6,990,480).

In the interests of brevity and clarity of presentation, Applicant will not repeat the arguments made in the Remarks accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed April 9, 2007, the Response filed July 3, 2007 and the Request for Continued Examination filed November 9, 2007. Rather, Applicant hereby incorporates such Remarks by reference herein, and further addresses the above outstanding rejection on the basis of the arguments and claim amendments hereinafter described.

In order to advance prosecution of the application and without acquiescing in the outstanding rejections, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19 to reflect that representations of a plurality of predefined data sources and representations of a plurality of fields are presented via a user interface and selected. Neither Wagner, Anand nor any of the other prior art of record describe or suggest presenting either representations of a plurality of predefined data sources or a plurality of fields, nor affording a user the opportunity to select from among such representations.

As was discussed in the above-referenced responses to prior Office Actions in the present application, Anand describes enabling a user to specify metadata used in generating Dimensional

Queries. The metadata does not itself comprise a predefined data source, but is simply one of potentially numerous parameters used to dynamically create a Dimensional Query.

> "Smart Report generator requests metadata 25 in order to create Dimensional Queries as part of instantiating a Smart Report for a user. A request for metadata 25 might be, for example, a request for all sub-concepts of a particular Business Concept.
> [Anand, col. 11, lines 45-50]

It follows that Anand's metadata 25 does not function as a "data source", predefined or otherwise, as presently claimed. Rather, in the Anand system the metadata 25 comprises one of potentially several parameters used to create "Dimensional Queries", which are generated dynamically. In any event, Anand does not describe providing for selection, via a user interface, representations of metadata, Dimensional Queries, or anything else potentially comprising a predefined data source as presently claimed. Moreover, Anand's description of the use of metadata and generation of Dimensional Queries also does not describe or suggest providing representations of fields capable of being selected for inclusion in a page definition in the manner presently claimed. Since the Examiner has previously conceded that Wagner does not describe the selection of a predefined data source in the manner presently claimed, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 19 and their associated dependent claims are patentably distinct from Wagner in view of Anand.

Similarly, claims 7 and 33 have been amended to recite that (i) representations of a plurality of predefined data sources are presented via a user interface for selection, and (ii) an association is created between content from a data source and fields or portions of pages in response to input received via the user interface. For the reasons set forth above and because neither Wagner nor Anand enables the creation of such an association between data source content and fields in response to user interface input, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7 and 33 and their associated dependent claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

Finally, claims 24 and 29 have been amended to recite that (i) representations of a plurality of predefined data sources are presented via a user interface for selection, and (ii) data filter information or a data filter expression is defined at least in part by user selection of filter elements via a user interface. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the prior art of record, either alone or in combination, describes this combination of features. Accordingly, Applicant

respectfully submits that claims 24 and 29 and their associated dependent claims are patentably distinct from such prior art.

Concluding Comments

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejection of claims 1-40 for the reasons set forth herein. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim except as specifically stated in this paper.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the remarks herein prior to further examination of the above-identified application. The undersigned would of course be available to discuss the present application with the Examiner if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a discussion could lead to resolution of any outstanding issues.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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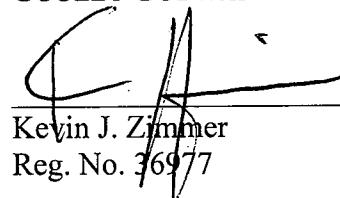
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